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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Hisashi OHTANI et al) Group Art Unit: 2814 Serial No. 09/197,767) Examiner: Cao, Phat X. Filed: November 23, 1998 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with The United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First **SAME** Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Ratents, Washington, D.C. 20131, on January 18,0002 oul Campbell

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Official Action mailed December 19, 2001.

The Official Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 31, 2001. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of October 31, 2001 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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